

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - MAY 2007 SPECIAL SESSION**

JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on May 10, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel, (R)
Rep. Ed Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. PJ Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Lee Heiman, Staff Attorney, LSD
Jeff Martin, Research Analyst, LSD
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 1, 5/8/2007
Executive Action: None.

Discussion:

00:01:17 Sen. Jim Elliott
00:04:50 Sen. Robert Story
00:05:08 Rep. Ed Butcher
00:05:20 Rep. Ron Erickson
00:05:50 Rep. Bob Lake

HEARING ON SB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:13 **SEN. JEFF ESSMANN (R), SD 28**, opened the hearing on **SB 1**, Tax incentives for energy development.

[EXHIBIT\(tas01a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas01a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas01a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:41 Leo Berry, Great Northern Power Development (GNPD)

00:32:31 Ken Morrison, Trans-Canada

00:35:58 John Alke, Montana-Alberta Tie Line (MATL)

00:40:19 Sen. Keith Bales, SD 20

00:44:49 Recess

01:20:24 Reconvene

01:20:57 Jerome Anderson, Encore Acquisition Company

01:23:36 Sen. Jim Peterson, SD 15

[EXHIBIT\(tas01a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas01a05\)](#)

01:29:42 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

01:30:14 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

01:32:48 Sen. Jerry Black, SD 14

01:36:00 Todd O'Hair, RioTinto Energy

01:37:23 Dennis Lopach, REC Silicon

01:38:48 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

01:39:53 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

01:40:43 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:41:19 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company

Opponents' Testimony:

01:43:41 Evan Barrett, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

01:48:56 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

01:55:46 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

02:00:41 Katrina Martin, Agriculture Producer

Informational Testimony:

02:05:06 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Producing Counties (MAOGCPC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:31 Sen. Peterson to Mr. Berry, Great Northern Power Development (GNPD)

02:11:08 Sen. Black to Mr. Alke, MATL

02:13:23 Rep. Ed Butcher to Mr. Judge, Teamsters Local 190

02:14:40 Rep. Ron Erickson to Sen. Essmann

02:18:18 Rep. Bob Lake to Sen. Essmann

02:26:44 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt to Mr. Alke, MATL, rereferred to Johann van' Hof, Executive Director, MATL Parent Company

02:31:40 Sen. Gebhardt to Mr. Alke, MATL

02:33:11 Sen. Gebhardt to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office

02:36:14 Sen. Robert Story to Mr. Alke, MATL

02:41:14 Sen. Story to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office

02:47:28 Sen. Story to Mr. Alke, MATL

02:49:15 Rep. Butcher to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office

02:53:35 Sen. Gebhardt to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office

02:59:01 Sen. Elliott to Mr. Morrison, Trans-Canada

03:03:32 Sen. Elliott to Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

03:10:06 Sen. Essmann

03:17:43 Recess

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Recess: 12:30 P.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas01aad.pdf](#))